

MAINE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE MAY 2017



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Congratulations Patricia Cook



Patricia Cook, RN
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Throughout a nursing career spanning over 30 years, Patricia Cook has witnessed the effects of vaccine preventable diseases on children and their families. This inspired her to work hard

by building immunization compliance into her practice's quality measures.

Ms. Cook routinely reviews her practice's immunization data and calls parents about upcoming or overdue immunizations. She begins immunization education in the first week of life by including evidence-based educational information in newborn packets and training her medical assistants to do the same. Taking the time to address parent's concerns about vaccines, Ms. Cook uses plain language to describe how the vaccine schedule maximizes protection for children from vaccine preventable diseases.

In her role as the Maine Health Clinical Consultant, she is the content expert for immunization trainings. Fostering future generations of vaccine advocates, Ms. Cook also trains medical students at her practice on how to administer immunizations and conducts a "train-the-trainer" course teaching healthcare providers to serve as clinical skills evaluators. Furthermore, Ms. Cook also works with practices to address immunization barriers and serves as an integral resource for the implementation of local school-based health center immunization programs.

Thanks to Ms. Cook's efforts, immunization compliance data within her practice and the practices she's worked with regularly improve. Patricia Cook's

commitment to improving immunization coverage rates in her practice and her state makes her Maine's 2017 *CDC Childhood Immunization Champion*.

Annual Regional Trainings



August 8 - Hampton Inn Presque Isle

August 9 - Washington County Community College in Calais

August 16 - Governor Hill Mansion in Augusta

August 22 - Maine Health headquarters at 110 Free St. in Portland

September 21 - Cross Insurance Building in Bangor

Registration will begin at 8:30 AM and training will adjourn around 3:30 PM. Please pre-register with Celeste Poulin at Celeste.Poulin@maine.gov. This is required as some sites will have capacity limitations.

CDC Releases Updated General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization

The "General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization" goes beyond vaccination recommendations to give providers guidelines on vaccination practice. The document will help vaccination providers to assess vaccine benefits and risks, use recommended administration practices, understand the most effective strategies for ensuring that vaccination coverage in the population remains high, and communicate the importance of vaccination to reduce the effects of vaccine-preventable disease.

To access the "General Best Practice Guidelines for Immunization", please visit:
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/index.html>

A Parent's Guide to Preteen and Teen HPV Vaccination

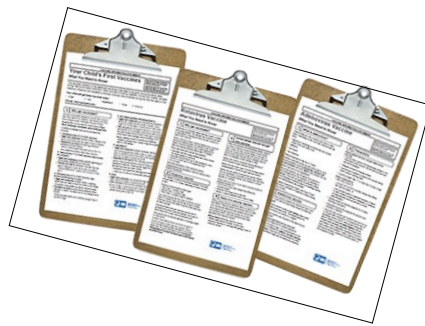
Looking for a comprehensive HPV handout for parents? Take a look at "A Parent's Guide to Preteen and Teen HPV Vaccination". This handout includes commonly asked questions by parents, presented in a clear, straightforward format.

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4250.pdf>

VIS Update

The Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) for Td has been updated to correct an error related to a precaution for Tdap, but not Td. Specifically, text instructing readers to talk to the doctor if they "have seizures or another nervous system problem" has been removed because it does not apply to Td vaccine.

Providers may exhaust their existing supplies, but should inform patients of the error. The revised version (dated: 4/11/17) should be used thereafter.



Please see the list below of other vaccines and their most current VIS dates.

Adenovirus.....	6/11/14	MMRV.....	5/21/10
Anthrax.....	3/10/10	Multi-vaccine.....	11/5/15
Chickenpox.....	3/13/08	PCV13.....	11/5/15
DTaP.....	5/17/07	PPSV.....	4/24/15
Hib.....	4/2/15	Polio.....	7/20/16
Hepatitis A.....	7/20/16	Rabies.....	10/6/09
Hepatitis B.....	7/20/16	Rotavirus.....	4/15/15
HPV.....	12/2/16	Shingles.....	10/6/09
Influenza.....	8/7/15	Td.....	4/11/17
Japanese enceph.....	1/24/14	Tdap.....	2/24/15
MCV4/MPSV4.....	3/31/16	Typhoid.....	5/29/12
MenB.....	8/9/16	Yellow fever.....	3/30/11
MMR.....	4/20/12		

Temperature and Reconciliation Reminder

All VFC providers are required to have at least 3 months of paper temperature logs available in their office. Providers must also document temperatures in ImmPact at least once every 30 days. ImmPact will only allow you to record the current and prior month temperatures. If you can not verify temperatures for any given time range, the vaccine will need to be wasted and you will be responsible for the replacement of the vaccine. \$\$\$

10 Steps to Implementing Standing Orders in Your Practice Setting

1. Build support of leadership.
2. Identify the person who will take the lead and be in charge of your standing orders program.
3. Reach agreement about which vaccine(s) your practice will administer using standing orders.
4. Create standing orders protocols for the vaccine(s) you want to administer.
5. Hold a meeting to explain your new standing orders program to all staff members.
6. Determine the role various staff members will play in implementing/using standing orders.
7. Determine your standing orders operational strategy.
8. Identify strategies and publicize your program to your patients.
9. Start vaccinating!
10. Review your progress.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p3067.pdf>

**If you have any questions,
please contact the Maine Immunization Program at:
(207) 287-3746 or (800) 867-4775
www.ImmunizeME.org**

